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**Closure of the Kodiak District Eastside Section to Commercial Tanner Crab Fishing
Emergency Order # 4-S-09-13**

All remaining open waters of the Eastside Section of the Kodiak District will close to commercial Tanner crab fishing at 5:59 PM on Thursday, February 07, 2013. Inseason catch reports indicate the total section guideline harvest level will be attained at the time of the closure.

All pots remaining within the Eastside Section must be unbaited at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in waters deeper than 25 fathoms for 72 hours in the closed area. After 72 hours, all pots must be removed from the water or placed in waters 25 fathoms in depth or less. All Tanner crab harvested from the Eastside Section must be delivered within 24 hours of the closure. Vessel operators intending to change section registration must deliver all crab from the Eastside Section prior to targeting crab in the Southeast Section of the Kodiak District.

For further details, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Kodiak (907) 486-1840.

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